

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2099,
DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 1996

HON. FRED HEINEMAN

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 1995

Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. Speaker, earlier I engaged in a colloquy with my good friend, Chairman JERRY LEWIS of California regarding the prospects of building a new facility for the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] at the Research Triangle Park [RTP], North Carolina. Once again, I would like to thank Chairman LEWIS for his expression of support for this facility, and I would like to submit for the RECORD the following letter from EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner indicating that a proposed new RTP facility for the EPA would save the taxpayers millions of dollars and provide the most realistic, cost-effective option for meeting the EPA's research needs. I commend this letter to the attention of my colleagues.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY,
Washington, DC, December 1, 1995.

Hon. FRED HEINEMAN,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HEINEMAN: I am writing to express my appreciation for your continued support for a new Environmental Protection Agency building in Research Triangle Park, N.C. As you know, construction of the new laboratory building will consolidate Agency functions now scattered in seven outdated, leased facilities spread across a 15-mile arc in the RTP area. The facility remains the Agency's top laboratory construction project.

As you noted in your November 29 colloquy on the House floor with House Appropriations VA-HUD Subcommittee Chairman Jerry Lewis, building a new facility is the most realistic, cost-effective option for the Agency. The Agency continues to maintain that new construction will bring the most savings to the taxpayers and deliver the best science to the American public and environmental policy makers. All independent cost studies solicited by the Administration have supported construction on Federally-owned land over any leased facility option; the most recent concluded that direct Federal construction would save the government \$154 million over 30 years.

It would seem irresponsible to continue to throw away millions of dollars in rent for substandard leased facilities when we can construct a consolidated state-of-the-art lab on Federally-owned land that will meet EPA's research needs and save taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

Again, thank you for your support of this important project.

Sincerely,

CAROL M. BROWNER,
Administrator.

TAIWAN DESERVES A U.N. SEAT

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, A.M. Rosenthal has written a superb article on the silly situation that now exists in which the United Nations recognizes North Korea but not Taiwan. I have introduced bipartisan legislation, House Concurrent Resolution 63, to express the sense of congress that this outrage ought to be reversed. I ask for cosponsors of the legislation and insert the Rosenthal article for the RECORD.

THE BLOCKADES OF TAIWAN

(By A.M. Rosenthal)

TAIPEI, TAIWAN.—They come almost every day now—the military threats to this island country from Communist Government in Beijing.

Chinese Army commanders order repeated amphibious landings at the mainland coast nearest the island—the precise kind of operation that would be needed to invade Taiwan—and “tests” of missiles in the straits dividing China and the island. In recent days there has been a series of leaked reports that Beijing is considering a naval blockade of Taiwan.

Nobody knows whether the threats are meant only to frighten all Taiwanese into abandoning any thought of independence, however distant, or whether Beijing is readying its people and the world for an attack. If it does take place it is likely to be in the spring of 1996 before or after Taiwan holds its first direct presidential election.

But the evidence is that the military command is beginning to operate and plan independently of the civilian leadership in the Politburo.

This much seems clear from here: The West is operating on the assumption that if it says and does nothing, why, any dangers will vanish in a merciful blip.

The studious silence arises from the fundamental China policy of the West: Rock no Chinese boat lest Beijing throw easy Western access to the Chinese market overboard.

The West manages to maintain its silence because a Chinese blockade of Taiwan already exists: the political and diplomatic blockade created by Beijing after it took over the China seat in the U.N. in 1971.

The government of Taiwan was not only ousted from the U.N. but from the international community. Taiwan, one of the largest trading nations in the world, has been cut off from normal diplomatic and political relations with almost the whole world.

The U.S. maintains an “institute” in Taipei headed by a “director.” But no flag is flown outdoors to save Beijing a fit. In Washington, representatives of Taiwan cannot sully the State department or White House by their presence. So far, separate drinking fountains for Taiwanese representatives have not been set up.

Taiwan is not only barred from the U.N. but from all its many specialized agencies, including those supposed to deal with such universal subjects as health and agriculture—say, AIDS or starvation.

The blockade is so obsessively enforced that it even excludes aid to refugees. Last year the U.N. appealed for funds for Rwandan refugees, among the most suffering of God's human creatures. Taiwan offered \$2 million; refused. The Taiwanese did manage to get their gift accepted—by channeling it through an American committee for Unicef.

Correspondents from Taiwan are not permitted to enter the U.N. As a former reporter at the U.N., in its early days, I have thought of slipping my pass to a correspondent from Taiwan, to annoy U.N. authorities, but I decided it wouldn't work.

Before Beijing commanded the U.N., correspondents from nonmember peoples were allowed in. I learned more about North Africa and Indonesia from independence-movement reporters than I ever did from the colonial French or Dutch.

North Korea and South Korea are members and so were East and West Germany. The Palestine Liberation Organization was given representation at the General Assembly with only a vote lacking.

But when China decided that any dreams of independence, sovereignty or even dignity that Taiwan might harbor were too dangerous to tolerate, this special apartheid was created for the island. The U.S. and most other U.N. members meekly kissed Beijing's iron slipper.

That means Taiwan cannot use the U.N. or any normal diplomatic channel to raise an alarm that had to be officially heard about the open military threats from Beijing. If any other country had threatened another so blatantly the case would immediately have been on the U.N. agenda.

Nor of course most U.N. members, including the U.S., would be paralyzed with economic terror at the very idea of proposing that Taiwan as well as China be represented at the U.N. But perhaps Washington, London, Paris and Tokyo will dredge up enough courage to increase their own diplomatic contacts with Taiwan as a warning to China. Perhaps.

Until now the Chinese diplomatic blockade and Western submission to it have been merely disgusting. Now they are getting dangerous.

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT OF
1995

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 29, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2564) to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government, and for other purposes:

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support this legislation. It is a bill worth passing and one which should be enacted without further delay.

If passed by the House without amendment, the bill would be cleared for the President's signature. If amended however, the legislation

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